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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that non-gazetted officers are not entitled to approach Members of the Legislature and Members of the Parliament so that their grievances may be represented on the floor of the House, will the Government consider the question of giving them representation in the Legislative Council as teachers have been given representation in the Council?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Once a non-gazetted officer becomes an M.L.A., he will have to resign his job, and so he will be in the same position as a Member of the Legislative Assembly is now. If the present rules prevent non-gazetted officers from seeking redressal of grievances through Members of the Legislature, the same rules will apply to non-gazetted officers who become Members of the Legislative Assembly or Members of the Legislative Council because they cease to be non-gazetted officers once they are elected to the Assembly or the Council.

MR. SPEAKER : I think this involves amendment of the Constitution because according to Article 102 a non-gazetted officer will be holding an office of profit. There is also the relevant article in the Constitution regarding the composition of the Legislative Council and this will also have to be altered.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : May I know whether the Government Non-Gazetted Officers' Association is treated on a par with other Unions in the State and whether the representation asked for by the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association contravenes the provisions of the existing Government Servants' Conduct Rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Everybody is entitled to make a request and making a request certainly does not contravene any of the present rules. The question as pointed out by the Hon. Speaker is whether non-gazetted officers as such are entitled to become Members of the Assembly or the Council. That will be impossible under the present Constitution and once they resign and seek election, they are on a par with the other Members of the Assembly or the Council.

Postponement of receipt of pay by non-gazetted officers

* 182 *Q*.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Non-Gazetted Officers' Association has given notice to Government of their intention to defer receipt of pay by one day in July 1956; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken or threatened any action against the Association or its office bearers?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Strictly speaking, does not arise. However, for the information of the Member, I may add that the Government learnt that, at a conference of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers held at Madras on the 20th May 1956, a resolution was passed that, if the emoluments of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers were not increased, the Non-Gazetted Government Officers should defer receipt of pay on the pay day of July 1956. Taking notice of the above information, Government considered the matter carefully and issued a Press Note reminding Government servants that their action would constitute an act of indiscipline, for which the Association would run the risk of having its recognition withdrawn by the Government and that individual Government servants who participated in the demonstration would lay themselves open to disciplinary action. The attention of the member is invited to the Press Note, dated the 27th June 1956, issued in this connexion, copy [a] of which is placed on the table of the House.

Allocation of staff under the reorganization of States

* 183 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding the allocation of staff working at present under this Government to the other States which will be formed consequent on the reorganization of States; and

(*b*) the safeguards that will be provided for protecting their interests in regard to their past service and salary on their transfer to the new States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) In the allocation of personnel to Kerala and Mysore States consequent on the reorganization of States it is the desire of this Government to go by the wishes of the officers to the extent feasible but without conceding any right of option. In making the actual allocation preference is therefore given to those who have volunteered to serve in the new States. It is also the desire of the Government that the areas to be transferred to Kerala and Mysore should as far as possible be manned by officers with the respective linguistic affinities.

(*b*) The coditions of services of officers allotted to the new States of Kerala and Mysore consequent on the reorganization of States will be subject to the provisions contained in the draft States Reorganization Bill and also by the general policy that may be laid down by the Government of India. The attention of the Hon. Member is invited, in this connexion to the proviso to subclause (7) of clause 116 of the States Reorganization Bill, 1956, and it has become an Act now, under which the condition of service of

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[a] Printed as Appendix 216 on page infra.